Sedition Trial Figure Held for Mental Test

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Mrs. Edith Turner, who served 10 days in District Jail for contempt of court after staging a lone demonstration at the sedition trial in District Court, was held in the psychopathic ward at Gallinger Hospital today for mental observation.

Mrs. Turner was rearrested by Metropolitan Police when jail authorities released her late yesterday after her term was completed.

Meanwhile, her attorney, John T. Bonner, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, charging she was detained without legal warrant. Justice James W. Morris will hear the matter at 10 a.m. Monday.

Mrs. Turner threw the trial into an uproar during one of the afternoon sessions when she tried to unfurl a crude banner. The banner apparently had nothing to do with the sedition case but charged two American Consuls with "treason."

The middle-aged woman, who speaks broken English, said she had been in Central Europe for years, and gave newspapermen an incoherent account of her grievances as she was led from court by a deputy marshal. Later, Justice Eicher reconvened court and had Mrs. Turner brought in. He sentenced her to 10 days and ordered her to undergo a mental examination.

The sedition trial is in recess until Wednesday.